

:010 15.619 Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation

:030 FEDERAL AGENCY: FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

:040 AUTHORIZATION: Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, Public Law 103-391, 108 Stat. 4094 et seq., 16 U.S.C. 5301 et seq., as amended by the Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act of 1998, Public Law 105-312, 112 Stat. 2956 et seq., 16 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.

:050 OBJECTIVES: To increase conservation of rhinoceros and tigers through strengthening habitat/ecosystem management; surveys and monitoring; conservation education; wildlife inspection, law enforcement and forensic skills; protected area/reserve management; sustainable development in buffer zones surrounding tiger/rhinoceros habitat; management of human behavior and livestock to decrease conflicts with tigers/rhinoceros; and the use of substitutes for tiger/rhinoceros products in oriental medicine. Projects which provide training to strengthen capabilities in these areas will receive priority.

:060 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project Grants.

:070 USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: Funds may be used for approved rhinoceros and tiger conservation projects. Projects proposed should have the support of the local government(s) and have matching funds (cash) or in-kind support (salaries, equipment, etc.) provided by the organization receiving the grant or other partners. All non-governmental or private sector project proposals must contain evidence of support by local government entities of countries where the project is to be conducted.

:080 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

:081 Applicant Eligibility: Applicants may be any Federal, State and local government agencies, public or private organizations, non-governmental nonprofit organizations, public and private institutions of higher education, or any other entity with experience in conservation. Projects must provide direct benefits to support research, conservation, management and protection of rhinoceroses and tigers.

:082 Beneficiary Eligibility: Any Federal, State or local government agencies, public or private organizations, non-governmental nonprofit organizations, public and private institutions of higher education, or any other entity.

:083 Credentials/Documentation: This program is subject to the

provisions of OMB Circular No. A-87 for State and local governments; OMB Circular No. A-21 for educational institutions; OMB Circular No. A-122 for nonprofit organizations; and Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 31.2 for private firms, individuals, and other nonprofits excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A-122.

:090 APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

:091 Preapplication Coordination: None. This program is excluded from coverage under E.O. 12372.

:092 Application Procedure: Submit requests for proposal packages that contain specific information on the requirements and format to the Chief, Division of International Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, ARLSQ 730, Arlington, VA 22203-1622 USA. Telephone: (703) 358-1754; Fax: 703-358-2849.

:093 Award Procedure: The Chief, Division of International Conservation (DIC), will select projects to be funded based on established criteria contained in 16 U.S.C. 5301. A grant agreement between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the grantee is drafted by DIC. The agreement is then submitted to the Office of Contracting and General Services (CGS) for processing. CGS then sends the grant agreement to the grantee for signature. Upon return to CGS, the grant agreement is signed by CGS, and is effective on the date of CGS signature.

:094 Deadlines: None.

:095 Range of Approval/Disapproval Time: Decisions on funding of project proposals must be made no later than 180 days after the receipt of the project proposal.

:096 Appeals: None.

:097 Renewals: A grant agreement can be modified, extended, or renewed at the discretion of the Chief of Division of International Conservation and the CGS Contracting Officer.

:100 ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

:101 Formula and Matching Requirements: This program has no statutory formula. To the extent possible, grant funds are matched by non-federal funds.

:102 Length and Time Phasing of Assistance: Award funds must be spent

during the approved budget period and in accordance with DOI/FWS financial and reporting procedures.

:110 POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

:111 Reports: Progress and final reports are due in accordance with terms and conditions of the award.

:112 Audits: In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-133 (Revised, June 24, 1997), "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," nonfederal entities that receive financial assistance of \$300,000 or more in Federal Awards will have a single or a program-specific audit conducted for that year. Nonfederal entities that expend less than \$300,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133.

:113 Records: Records for grants awarded to State and Local Governments will be maintained in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." Records for grants awarded to institutions of higher education and other nonprofit organizations will be maintained in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart F, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations."

:120 FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

:121 Account Identification: 14-5199-0-2-303.

:122 Obligations: (Grants) FY01 - \$725,000; FY 02 - \$970,000; and FY 03 est - \$920,000.

:123 Range and Average of Financial Assistance: Variable amounts. Due to the limited funding available and the desire to support diverse projects, preference will be given to proposals requesting \$30,000 or less but higher amounts may be requested.

:130 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: During 2001, the Service awarded 23 grants in 10 range countries.

:140 REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, Public Law 103-391, 108 Stat. 4094 et seq., 16 U.S.C. 5301 et seq., as amended by the Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act of 1998, Public Law 105-312, 112 Stat. 2956 et seq., 16 U.S.C. 5301

et seq.

:150 INFORMATION CONTACTS:

:151 Regional or Local Office: Not applicable.

:152 Headquarters Office: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Contact: Chief, Division of International Conservation, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, ARLSQ 730, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Telephone: (703) 358-1754, fax (703) 358-2849.

:153 Web Site Address:

[HTTP://international.fws.gov/grants/grants.html](http://international.fws.gov/grants/grants.html).

:160 RELATED PROGRAMS: 15.620, African Elephant Conservation; 15.621, Asian Elephant Conservation; and 15.629 Great Ape Conservation.

:170 EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS: Projects generally strengthen habitat and ecosystem management, help create protected areas, assist local communities in buffer zones surrounding rhino and tiger habitat, and support monitoring and law enforcement activities. For example, a grant of \$32,400 was awarded to the Asian Rhino Specialist Group to establish and operate three rhino protection units for one year in Way Kambas National Park, Sumatra, for the protection of the Sumatran rhino population of the park.

:180 CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PROPOSALS: Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated for scope, significance to rhinoceros and tiger conservation, feasibility and cost effectiveness.

:320 APPLICANTS: 1056;1456;1556;2056;2156;3656;3856

:330 BENEFICIARIES: 10;14;15;20;21;36;38

:340 FUNCTIONS: QO

:350 CIRCULARS: A87

:500 PUBLIC LAWS: 103\*391;105\*312

:510 STATUTES: 1084094;1122956

:520 U.S. CODES: \*16\*5301

:530 MATCHING REQTS:

:540 GRANTS: 675;725;725

:550 LOANS: NA;NA;NA

:560 OTHER: NA;NA;NA

:570 DEADLINE DATE: None.

:600 SUBJECT TERMS:

Fish and wildlife

wildlife conservation, management

wildlife information, technical assistance

wildlife research

wildlife restoration